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SOMETHING FOR TAXPAYERS.

Whether or not there is any foundation for the report that \$11,000,000 of the taxpayer's money is unaccounted for at Jefferson City the KICKER does not know.

Each man made his own report over his own signature. They are all reputable business men from different parts of the state.

"For its own satisfaction The Star has taken the trouble to go through the reports of the G.-D. experts, and is gratified to know that they confirm the report of Messrs. Haskell & Sells, the Governor's own experts.

"This is not only a vindication of the capacity and honesty of Haskell & Sells, but also accentuates the fact that the Governor himself recognizes a truth when he sees it for he unequivocally indorses the statement of his own employes, and volunteers the statement in extenuation of the truth, that the books of the State do not cover all the transactions of the State.

"A casual reading of the reports of the C.-D.'s experts would indicate that they are not in accord, touching details, but a careful analysis of them will dissipate this idea.

The only difference in the reports is that some of them make the discrepancies greater than others, and this is very clearly accounted for by the fact that one expert followed up the trail to a greater length than some of the others.

"The discrepancies, as shown by reports of Haskell & Sells, verified by the G.-D.'s experts, and indorsed by the Governor, range anywhere from \$11,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and as to that, it makes no difference, for whatever has been lost to the State can never be recovered."

HOW THE MONEY GOES.

"Machin politics have been the curse and overthrow at times of all parties in every state in the Union where it has been tolerated. Men who never felt the power of the machine do not appreciate its irresistible force. It selects and nominates candidates for all places; it appoints officers; it crushes and destroys opposition and stifles the voice of protest. And at this time a majority of the state committees are holding office by appointment—many of the most lucrative in the state—two alone receiving greater fees than the salaries of all the judges of division No. 1 of the supreme court combined.

How does that sound to you, Mr. Taxpayer? Phelps knows what he is talking about. Think of two men appointed by the governor—not elected, mind you—drawing more pay than all the members of one division of your highest court—and for doing practically nothing. Mr. Phelps mentions no names, but it is quite certain that one of the governor's appointees referred to is Jim Seibert, who draws \$12,000 a year and trimmings.

One thousand dollars buys a pretty good little Suddywoods farm. And Mr. Seibert's salary is just equal to twelve such farms in a year—saying nothing of the "trimmings." How many such farms do YOU earn in a year, Mr. Taxpayer?

Vote 'er straight!

THE ART OF SUPPRESSION.

Without the Globe-Democrat's fostering care Mr. Lee Meriwether would have difficulty in getting any large number of people to discover his views.—Republic.

Measured in the same half bushel, the Republic could say the same regarding the views of Mr. Bryan. Nearly every week the Globe-Democrat furnishes its readers with Mr. Bryan's utterances on leading questions in advance of their appearance in the Commencement. Mr. Bryan has made several speeches in the State during the past year and the G. D. has reproduced much that he said. But the Republic—well, the Republic don't like Mr. Bryan any more than it does Mr. Meriwether. They are not the right sort of Democrats. It prefers the Democracy of Rolla Wells, Dave Francis, Ed. Butler and Grover Cleveland.

But the Republic will now have to pause a large number of people to discover some of the views of Mr. Meriwether, or else it will have to keep awfully quiet about those anarchistic and socialistic planks in the Democratic platform adopted at St. Joseph this week.

The Democrats have swallowed the whole dose.

PLATFORM OUT OF PLACE.

What must Scott county Democrats think of a state judicial convention, two-fifths of the delegates of which confess themselves hostile to Democratic principles? Who can blame them for drifting to Meriwether, or any other sort of wether?—Scott Co. KICKER.

The KICKER willfully places a wrong construction upon the action of those who voted against the Kansas City platform. They most certainly did not "confess themselves hostile to Democratic principles."

Is that so? Well, by gum! A Democratic judicial convention is the place to endorse the Seibert-Dockery-Cook-Brown administration, but not the place to endorse the Kansas City platform! Whee-oo-oo-ee! Isn't that a "corker" for you? Was the ring administration so hard up for an endorsement?

The committee on resolutions endorsed the Dockery administration and, by a vote of two to one, refused to endorse "the principles of Democracy as enunciated in the Kansas City platform." Dave Ball carried the fight onto the floor of the convention and here is what the Missouri World says about it:

"At the Democratic State Judicial convention of this state, held at Springfield last week, the committee on resolutions agreed to leave national issues to the other State convention, which meets at St. Joseph, July 22. The committee made its report, which was read by James Black of Kansas City, who in 1890 and 1900 was a Gold Democrat. It would probably have been adopted without dissent had the irrepressible Silver Democrat, Dave Ball, of Pike county, not been present. Mr. Ball moved an amendment endorsing the platform. The delegates had to go on record now; they couldn't dodge. So they adopted the amendment 501 to 190."

So you see, Mr. Herald, that the chairman of the resolutions committee was one of those good administration Democrats who supported Republican principles in 1890 and in 1900, and wanted to prove that he had not changed by supporting a resolution endorsing our Republicanized state administration and opposing an endorsement of true Democratic principles.

And was not the State House Ring in absolute control of the convention and the organization thereof? If so, then explain how this assistant Republican happened to be made chairman of so important a committee, and why a majority of that committee were of his particular political complexion? And also explain why 118 of the 122 machine-made delegates from St. Louis voted against Dave Ball's resolution?

Is that not enough to convince a blind man where the state administration stands?

DO NOT BLAME HIM.

The Kennett Democrat copies extensively from the bolting Republican paper at Cape Girardeau, lining up items under the headline "Ben Adams' Hot Shots." Then it pitches into Phil Hafner of the Benton KICKER who is bolting the Democratic ticket and declares that such a "bolter deserves no consideration." It seems to us that this spoils all the force of the alleged "Hot Shots." Or, are we to understand that a Republican bolter is a high type of the free, independent citizen, and the Democratic bolter is a traitor and should be strung up without a hearing?—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Hush, hush! Bro. Tromley. Don't you know that the editor of the Dunklin Democrat has a son holding down a fat job in the auditor's office at Jefferson City, and must say something in the interest of the "party"—even though he does make a monkey of himself?

You must not deny to Mr. Seibert's special representative the only "argument" he has in his efforts to attack Phil. Hafner and the KICKER. Not a blessed one of the gang has attempted to off-set or deny a single statement made by the KICKER. They are either silent or else crawl behind a box, make faces and yell "bolter."

As for our bolt, we have to answer to no one but ourselves. And the further along the line we get the more thoroughly we become convinced that no mistake has been made.

How any self-respecting man can follow along after the gang of self-confessed boodlers who are in control of the machinery of the Democratic party in this state is more than we can understand.

OPPOSED TO LIFE TENURE.

Missouri Democrats do not endorse life tenures in office. Judge Sherwood was defeated for that reason only.—Cash-Book.

And that is why they nominated a man to succeed Judge Sherwood who had only been holding office for the past quarter of a century? This throws a new light on the situation. The KICKER was under the impression that Judge Sherwood was side-tracked because he wore a Phelps collar!

It is encouraging to be told that this life tenure business is a thing the Democratic "party" does not believe in. Of course there can be no objection to the quarter-century crowd, such as Dockery, Seibert, Stone, Fox and others.

AN ARTISTIC DODGER.

As an artistic dodger the Record man is a success. To our question, "What ticket did you SUPPORT in Missouri county in 1888?" he answers, "The insinuation that we voted any other than the Democratic ticket in 1888 is utterly false!"

Such a statement is easily made and quite difficult to disprove. But it is an easy matter to prove what ticket he supported. Mr. Smith was running a newspaper at Charleston at that time and his position is well known. He may have a way of op-only supporting one ticket and secretly voting another. Again we ask, What ticket did you support in 1888—the guiding spirit of which was a negro Republican named Head—the same negro who attempted to shoot George Elliot at Bird's Point as the result of that campaign?

As to free railroad transportation the Record says that it is "sour grapes" to us because the railroad companies give us the "marble heart." This we consider the highest compliment the Record could have paid us, and a most damaging admission on his part.

Why do we get the "marble heart" from the railroad companies? Is it not because we refuse to do their bidding? Is it not because we refuse to hammer them with stuffed clubs? Is it not because we refuse to sign a blanket "advertising contract" which means, in effect, that when there is railroad legislation under consideration the railroad press bureau is to furnish the copy and the paper is to print it? The people of Scott county are well aware that when the reduction of railroad rates was up before the legislature four and six years ago the Record was fearful that a reduction in rates would force the companies to reduce accommodations! A man with a free pass has a right to demand first-class accommodations. The fellows who pay are not so particular.

THE KICKER would as quickly exchange legitimate advertising for railroad transportation as he would exchange it for the merchant's sugar and coffee. He must travel, and he must have sugar and coffee. Either is the same as cash to us. But railroads do not do their "advertising" along that line. With them it is a game of "you tickle me and I'll tickle you."

Of what benefit can an advertisement in a Scott county paper be to the Iron-Mountain railroad? The road has no opposition, and everybody knows where the stations are. The management does not deem it important to even publish holiday and excursion rates, except by posters. Then why these "advertising contracts" with the papers?

During the present week the Missouri Press Association met at Kansas City. Newspaper men and their families from every part of the state rode there on advertising contracts, and they are now enjoying a grand excursion through Colorado and the west—all furnished FREE by the railroad companies as a recognition of the valuable results brought about through the "advertising contracts" with Missouri editors. Who pays the freight?

TIT FOT TAT.

The people of Missouri ought to be convinced by the mass of evidence accumulated that it is time to see the books.—Globe-Democrat.

How about the warrant book that Ziegenhain hid when he was collector of St. Louis and positively refused to show, and the \$4,000 missing warrant never was accounted for by him or his notorious gang. How would the cunning G.-D. like to see the books before Democrats took charge of them at Jefferson City?—Cape Girardeau Progress.

Good, Bro. Tresseniter, good! You have made an excellent defence of your "party." Yet it is the regulation cut-and-dried "argument" of partisan organs and the politicians. You have made out as good a case against the other fellow as the other fellow made against you. Each charges the other with being the rascal. Neither has lied about it.

COMMENTING upon the state administration's effort to smother the Kansas City platform at Springfield, the Marble Hill press says: "A political party is certainly in a sad plight when it stands on a platform it must sit down on." And the "party" in Missouri has just about reached that "sad plight."

The members of the St. Joseph Democratic convention must have been reading THE KICKER. The convention declared for everything the KICKER advocates—and then some.

BILL PHELPS is trying to redeem himself. His Carthage speech justifies the forgiveness of a few of his many political sins.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Andrew Johnson, deceased, that I, the undersigned executor of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Mo., to be held in the town of Benton, Mo., on the Fourth Monday of August, 1907.

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Removal Sale!
THE BIGGEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED.
Within the next 30 days we must close out every yard of Dry Goods, every Suit of Clothes, and every Pair of Shoes in the Store. The entire Stock will be Sold at Cost and under Cost.
Prices are Cut Right and Left and Down the Middle.—Slaughtered!
Now is the time and this the Place to Save Money. Stock Must be Sold. Come and get these Snaps.

CLOTHING.
Extra Fine Tailor Made Suits, sold regularly at \$15, now go at only \$10.50
Fine Light Colored Suits, were \$15 now only \$10.50
Good \$10.00 Suits, all colors, now going at 4.50
Good \$7.00 Suits, any color, cut to 3.50
Good \$6.00 Suits, any color—take 'em along at an even half
Wanted Dress Goods, all colors, per yard
Small Boys Suits, 4 to 15 years, Suits worth \$2; today at 1.25
The \$1.25 kid now going at .75
Boys' Knee Pants, large stock, all sizes, all colors, take your choice at, per pair .15

SHOES! SHOES!
Here is your chance for a shoe bargain. The best shoe is the Hamilton-Brown, 1000 pairs on hand and every pair must be sold by August 15.
Ladies' shoes worth \$2.50 go at \$1.50
" " " 1.75 " " 1.25
" " " 1.50 " " 1.00
" " " 1.25 " " .80
" " " 1.00 " " .60
A big lot of Ladies' slippers will go at 50¢
Men's Shoes worth \$2.50 go at 1.50
" " " 2.00 " " 1.25
" " " 1.75 " " 1.00
" " " 1.50 " " .80
" " " 1.25 " " .60
Large lot of boys' shoes—

DRY GOODS.
Calico Best India Blue, per yard .50
Calico, light colors, per yard .40
Bleached Domestic, per yard .30 to .40
Wanted Dress Goods, all colors, per yard .5 to .10
Large lot of the Lawns worth from 20¢ to 25¢ go at 10¢ per yard
Good Lawns, per yard .10
Percale, weather so goods, any color .06
Fine 12½ Cotton goods, per yard .10
Red Ticking per yard worth 20¢ .15
Cottonade pants at .10
Fashioned dress goods, like reduced 15¢ .15
Large line Ladies' Corsets, worth from 50¢ to \$1.00, go at .25 to .45
All kinds of Lace and Embroideries
The Best Turkey Red Table cloth, worth the size, per yard .20
Ladies' 100 Hussey new color, worth 47¢ .47
Ladies' Shirt Waists, worth \$1.00 to \$2.50 closing out at .50 to 1.00
Ribbons from 1¢ to 5¢ per yard—worth double.

GROCERIES.
Best brand Corn Oil .45
Best brand Azle Green, 4 boxes .25
Best brand Lard 4 boxes .25
Big bottle ketchup .10
Lamps worth from 4¢ to 75¢ now go at 25¢.

NOTIONS.
Fine per paper .1
12 dozen shirt buttons .1
Men's Socks, good per pair .3
Suspenders, choice .10

These Prices are Cash. See the big Sign on entering New Hamburg
A Sea of Real Bargains.—The chance of a Lifetime!
The Great Bargain Store, Goshe Building, New Hamburg, Mo.

Things to Sell.

FARM FOR SALE—in Scott County, Mo., 35 acres; 3/4 mile from Oran on the Hamburg road; 15 acres in cultivation; 20 acres deadened; 3-room house with front and back porches. Also, one lot and 2-story, 5-room house, front and back porches, good fences, nice chicken yard and hen houses—in Oran. For prices, call on or write Mrs. W. A. ENGLE, Oran.

FOR SALE—A good farm of 102 acres—100 acres in cultivation Good 2-story frame dwelling, granary, barn, plenty of good water and all modern conveniences. Within 30-minute drive of either Oran, New Hamburg or Benton. For further information apply at the KICKER office.

FOR SALE.—387 acres; 140 acres in cultivation at Batts' school house; 90 acres in cultivation on Little River. One-third cash; balance on long time. W. R. BATTS, 19.

What do you want in the . . . way of . . .

Machine Fixtures?

LEO DIEBOLD, at KELSEO, can fix you up. He has all kinds of Engine Fitting, Bicycle Repairs, Rubber Hose and Pippings. Well, just anything in the way of

Machine Fixtures.

ANYTHING REPAIRED.
LEO DIEBOLD, Kelso.



If You Need

INSURANCE!

Fire!

Tornado!

Life!

Accident!

Health!

Call on or write
PHIL A. HAFNER,
Benton, Mo.

DO YOU NEED

Finishing Lumber!
DOORS, SASH, BLINDS,
Split or Sawn Shingles?
If so, you had better see
Mike Welter,
Kelso, Missouri.

Keep in Mine the Grand
CHURCH FESTIVAL!
WOODLAND PARK,
ORAN, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6.
Plenty to Eat!
Amusements and Refreshments!
Good Music and Good Dance Floor.
Cool, Shady Park and Covered Hall.

Save Your Dollars!
We Handle Dressed Lumber and Building Material.
FARM WAGONS!
AND THAT IS NOT ALL. WE CARRY A GOOD LINE OF
FURNITURE!
Such as Dressers, Sideboards, Folding Beds, Tables, Chairs and Organs.
Coffins, Caskets and Mortician's Supplies.
Carpets, Rugs, Matting & Hammocks.
Hardware, Cutlery, Stoves, Guns, Pistols,
Chinaware, Lisk's Anti-Rust Tinware, Glassware and Window Glass.
HARNESS and SADDLERY.
Pumps and Pump Pipe. Gold and Plated Jewelry, Watches and Clocks.
Buggies, Binders, Mowers and Hayrakes.
Repairs for the Milwaukee Binder and Mower. Also for the Buckeye Mower and the Oliver, Bissel and Vulcan Plows.
B. F. EARLES, - MORLEY.